

and computer-readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. A separate Statement to this effect is attached. No new matter has been added.

The applicants note that while the further copy of the Sequence Listing is being filed and the specification is being amended to include the same, the originally filed application included a computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing which was filed in paper form as a part of the application on February 11, 2002. A copy of the undersigned's postcard receipt indicating the same is attached as evidence of receipt of these items in the Patent Office on February 11, 2002. The applicants submit that the requirements for PCT U.S. national filings was complete as of the February 11, 2002, filing date.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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